

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 26. (Canceled).

27. (New) A sanding device for a sanding machine, comprising:
a carrier;
a sanding element; and
at least two coupling elements, the sanding element coupled to the carrier with the coupling elements, a movable connection provided between the sanding element and the carrier, ends of the coupling elements coupled to the sanding element movable relative to each other during sanding.
28. (New) The sanding device according to claim 27, wherein at least one of the coupling elements is flexible.
29. (New) The sanding device according to claim 27, wherein at least one of the coupling elements is hingedly connected to the carrier.
30. (New) The sanding device according to claim 27, further comprising a device adapted to urge the coupling elements apart at least at a position of the sanding element.
31. (New) The sanding device according to claim 27, wherein the sanding element is connected to two coupling elements, connecting lines between the coupling elements and the sanding element extend substantially parallel.
32. (New) The sanding device according to claim 27, wherein the sanding element includes a flexible support element connected fixedly to the coupling elements to support a sheet of sandpaper to connect thereto.

33. (New) The sanding device according to claim 27, wherein the coupling elements are connected to a base releasably connected to the carrier.

34. (New) The sanding device according to claim 33, wherein the sanding element has a form of a closed sanding belt that extends around the coupling elements and base.

35. (New) A sanding device for a sanding machine, comprising:
a carrier;
a sanding element; and
at least one coupling element, the sanding element coupled to the carrier with the coupling element, the coupling element connected to a base releasably and rotatably connected to the carrier.

36. (New) The sanding device according to claim 35, wherein the sanding element is coupled to the carrier by at least two coupling element, a movable connection provided between the sanding element and the carrier, ends of the coupling elements coupled to the sanding element movable relative to each other during sanding.

37. (New) The sanding device according to claim 35, wherein the base is releasable in at least one angular position of the carrier.

38. (New) The sanding device according to claim 35, wherein the base is fixable in at least one discrete angular position relative to the carrier.

39. (New) The sanding device according to claim 35, wherein a shaft is arranged between the base and the carrier, the base including a protruding part engageable by an engagement element forming part of the carrier.

40. (New) The sanding device according to claim 39, wherein the engagement element extends in a circular arc.

41. (New) The sanding device according to claim 39, wherein the shaft is formed by a disc, a bearing arranged on the carrier to retain the disc.

42. (New) The sanding device according to claim 41, wherein the disc is only movable into the bearing in a radial direction.

43. (New) The sanding device according to claim 41, wherein the base includes a plate, the disc forming a part of the plate, the plate extending to a position under the engagement element forming part of the carrier.

44. (New) The sanding device according to claim 41, wherein a tongue is formed on the base, the tongue adapted to engage in recesses arranged in the engagement element.

45. (New) The sanding device according to claim 44, wherein the tongue is coupled to a spring to urge a protrusion formed on the tongue into the recesses.

46. (New) The sanding device according to claim 44, wherein the tongue is resilient to urge a protrusion formed on the tongue into the recesses.

47. (New) The sanding device according to claim 39, wherein a clamp element is connected rotatably to the carrier, the base lockable with the clamp element.

48. (New) The sanding device according to claim 47, wherein the base includes a first nose and a second nose, the first nose engageable with a U-shaped end part forming part of the clamp element, the second nose encloseable between the engagement element and the clamp element.

49. (New) The sanding device according to claim 35, wherein the sanding device includes at least one rigid sanding element including a base adapted to couple to the carrier.

50. (New) The sanding device according to claim 49, wherein the sanding element includes one of (a) a concave contour, (b) a convex contour, (c) a folded contour and (d) a sharp point.

51. (New) A sanding machine, comprising:
a sanding sole; and
a sanding device, including one of:

(a) a carrier, a sanding element, and at least two coupling elements, the sanding element coupled to the carrier with the coupling elements, a movable connection provided between the sanding element and the carrier, ends of the coupling elements coupled to the sanding element movable relative to each other during sanding; and

(b) a carrier; a sanding element; and at least one coupling element, the sanding element coupled to the carrier with the coupling element, the coupling element connected to a base releasably and rotatably connected to the carrier;

wherein the carrier of the sanding device is formed by the sanding sole of the sanding machine.

52. (New) A sanding machine, comprising:
a sanding sole; and
a sanding device releasably connectable to the sanding sole, the sanding device including one of:

(a) a carrier, a sanding element, and at least two coupling elements, the sanding element coupled to the carrier with the coupling elements, a movable connection provided between the sanding element and the carrier, ends of the coupling elements coupled to the sanding element movable relative to each other during sanding; and

(b) a carrier; a sanding element; and at least one coupling element, the sanding element coupled to the carrier with the coupling element, the coupling element connected to a base releasably and rotatably connected to the carrier.